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21 - 24 OCTOBER 1994

SCOTLAND'S PREMIER SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION



progress
report 2

Hello and welcome to the second progress report, giving you all the latest news and information about the convention!

A lot has happened since the last PR, most significantly, ROBERT ASPRIN, author of the highly successful MYTH and PHULE series, has agreed to be our Guest of Honour. As well as relating his experiences in the literary field, both as a writer and as a professional editor (with Lynn Abbey on the long running series THIEVE'S WORLD), we hope that as well as reading from one of his books and discussing new projects, he will participate in some of the other events in the programme.

October is going to be a great month and will certainly be a lot more colorful. Let's just say, anyone with a dimensional hopper will be more than welcome to 'pop' in, although how we are going to accomodate the likes of dragons, Perverts -er- Pervects, trolls and a multitude of others, beats me! I wonder if our fire damage insurance covers us for dragon's breath?!

It certainly won't be a dull convention even if the weather outside is!

Courtesy of A.S.T.R.A. (Association in Scotland to Research into Astronautics), a poster exhibition, highlighting a variety of projects they have been involved with over the years, will be held at ALBACON. This poster exhibition has never presented at a Scottish convention before, so don't miss it!

That is about it from The Gaffer but before closing, I would like to extend thanks to a few people. For doing all our printing, we are greatly indebted to STATIC and also, to the INTERSECTION committee and in particular Mark Meenan, who helped the chain gang pack PRI for posting. All artwork used in this publication, courtesy of Shep Kirkbride. The excellent convention logo was designed by Colin MacNeill, comic artist and all-round good guy. Big hugs to both!

Lust long and perspire!

CUDDLES x

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

Steven Basten, T/R 16 Govanhill Street, Glasgow G42. Tel: (041) 423 0110

GOPHER REGISTRATION

Dougie Gaylor, 138 Hamilton Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow G73. Tel: (041) 647 1611 pm only.

GAMING & BATTLETECH ENQUIRIES

Ralph Harrold, Hse 3/1, 33 St Andrews Cres. Pollokshields, Glasgow G41. Tel: (041) 429 6302

SECURITY ENQUIRIES

Jim Fleming, 50/110 Kennishead Ave, Thornliebank, Glasgow G46. Tel: (041) 649 9082

TECH ENQUIRIES

Michael 'Sparks' Rennie, 2/R 166 Hyndland Rd, Hyndland, Glasgow. Tel:(041) 337 3096

ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES

Michelle 'Cuddles' Drayton, 10 Atlas Road, Springburn, Glasgow G21. Tel: (041) 558 2862

FUTURESHOCK SPONSORS MASQUERADERS



Neil Craig of FUTURESHOCK BOOKS & COMICS has generously donated £30 in vouchers, which can be used either at the convention or the shop in Byres Road, Glasgow. The offer has been made to encourage costumers not only to take part in the masquerade but to also wear hall costumes, which always add extra color to the convention (and keeps the press happy). The vouchers will be awarded to the Best of Show winner and the two best Hall costumes of the convention. The committee are extremely grateful for this offer. Those whose costume includes weaponry, please note that all weaponry **MUST** be presented to the Justice Department for approval and a permit.

SECURITY STATEMENT

The Justice Department will be responsible for implementing security measures during the convention weekend, including Thursday 20th October and Tuesday 25th October.

Their two most important duties will be:

- Ensuring that attendees wear a badge visibly in any area of the convention.
- Enforcing the following weapons policy:

ALL bladed weapons must be peace bonded. Replicas and water pistols may not be loaded at any time. Weapons should not be pointed at anyone. Breaches of policy will result in your license being revoked and your toys confiscated. The Judge's decision, as to weapon classification and imposing a fine, is final.

In both these circumstances, the Judge's decision will be fully supported by the committee. **ANY** attendee who does not adhere to either of these convention policies or persistently challenges them, risks being expelled from the convention.

These security measures have been drawn up for the benefit of all parties involved including con attendees. The committee cannot be held responsible for the loss of personal items such as handbags, wallets etc., but access to temporarily store valuable belongings in the convention's secure store will be provided. All money raised from fines and permit applications will be donated to the convention charities - **SPEAKING BOOKS FOR THE BLIND** and **THE SCOTTISH CHILDRENS HOSPICE APPEAL**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL TRADERS USING THE DEALERS ROOM

For those of you who have booked tables but have not yet paid for a membership, please remember that the rate will be increased to £30 after April, which will affect the amount of discount you will be entitled to. In addition, if you are intending to have helpers or a partner to assist you, their name(s) must be notified to the membership secretary NO LATER THAN Friday 14th October.

Dealers badges will differ from the standard convention badge: instead of two separate badges, all those who will be on duty in the dealers room, at any time, will have one badge showing their name and status. This change in practice is for security purposes and the committee will be most grateful for your full co-operation.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Convention room rates are fully inclusive of V.A.T. and breakfast, as well as being the most competitive. The rooms, per person/per night, are priced as follows:

SINGLE, TWIN or DOUBLE - £20. TRIPLE - £19. QUAD - £17

Please remember that a minimum deposit of £10 is required per booking. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to the Central Hotel and NOT to the convention! An SAE should also be enclosed if you require a receipt for your deposit, which will be sent to you by the hotel when your booking has been processed. (Triple and quad rooms are extremely limited, so if you are considering either, book as soon as possible.)

Booking forms are available on request from the convention address.

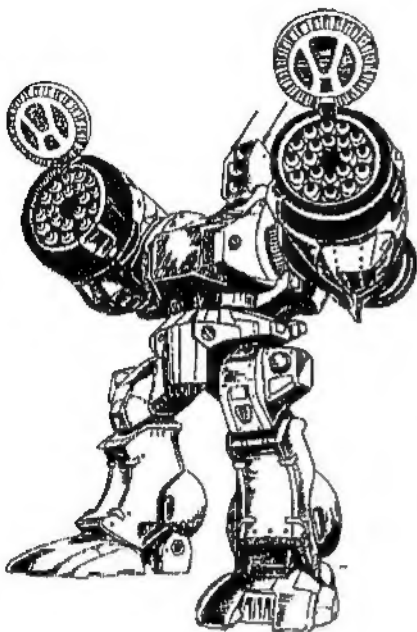
ADVERTISING IN FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

PROGRESS REPORT THREE AND THE CONVENTION PROGRAMME BOOK.

Adverts should be A4 camera ready, for reduction to A5 and posted to the convention address before the appropriate deadline. Cheque/Postal Order should be made payable to ALBACON 94 - do not send cash - and if a receipt is required please include an SAE. The rates are as follows:

	FULL PAGE	1/2 PAGE	1/4 PAGE	PROGRAMME BOOK COVER
PRO	£30	£20	£10	FULL PAGE ONLY £40
FAN	£15	£10	£5	FULL PAGE ONLY £20

The deadline for PR3 is July 22nd for release on August 1st. (Please note that this has changed since PR1.) The deadline for the programme book is October 2nd



MECHFORCE 1994 UK CHAMPIONSHIPS (SCOTLAND)

The championships will take place all day Sunday from 10am. Registration will cost £2.50 to participate in the event, which is NOT inclusive of convention membership. To take part, please contact Ralph Harrold as soon as possible, giving him your name and address, which will be passed onto MECHFORCE. His address is listed on page two.

EUROGEN CON 94 takes place in May instead of November, which means that the Scottish Championships will probably be the biggest event in the latter half of the year. Looks like you MechWarriors are in for a helluva fight!

Now would seem as good a time as any, to remind roleplayers that we are looking for people to run games. It should also be repeated, that Introduction games will be programmed for novices. Any information about gaming should be directed to Ralph Harrold.

THE TWILIGHT ZONE

The Zone will be accessible throughout the convention weekend to anyone or anybody for anything: meetings, fanzine exchanges, workshops or whatever! It is located on the first floor (not to be confused with the Entresol level even if it *is* the first floor reached from ground level...confused? Hal Aren't we all?!) and is situated in a quieter area of the con.

If you are interested in using the Zone, please get in contact with us at the convention address, telling us the date and time you would like to use it and we will try to accommodate your request. The Zone will be closed for the Guest speeches and for the Son Et Lumiere Show. With the exception of the Monday night, the Zone will be available for FILKING groupies after 11pm.

In exceptional circumstances - financial or alcoholic bribes to the committee, virginal sacrifices or sexual favours - we might bend the rules.

..... Just kidding! Heh, heh, heh!

ATTENTION ARTISTS!

Whether you do it for money or do it for fun (oo-er!), the convention committee hopes there will be a wide range of work: portraits, book cover designs, original work, sculpture, wood carvings.....and so on. If you wish to display your work in the artshow, please contact us at the convention address (or phone number) and we shall send you an information sheet and work registration form. With the exception of work auctioned for a chosen charity, the convention will receive a 10% commission from all other sales.

If you wish to send artwork, but are unable to attend the convention, don't worry! The hotel will keep your work in a safe area until the committee transfers to the operations room at the hotel on Thursday 20th October. Transportation of artwork to the convention is the responsibility of the individual artist.



WRITERS WORKSHOP

These have become increasingly popular at conventions and we would like to see these at ALBACON. If you are interested in running a writers workshop, please let us know. It would also be nice if we can get a small group together and perhaps persuade our GOF to run a MASTERCLASS!

We will keep you posted.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (as of 21st March 1994)

Robert Asprin	John Spinks	Paul Toner
John Salthouse	Gary Devine	Alistair Lloyd
Colin MacNeil	Neil Williamson	Kelth Mackie
Michelle Drayton	Andrew O'Donnell	Kate Nelson
Steven Basten	B A Blackburn	James Steele
Dave Girling	Iain Banks	Allison Ewing
Michael Rennie	Andrew Clowe	Alistair Hepburn
Jim Campbell	Jill McCafferty	Allan Young
Dougie Gaylor	Ray Briddock	Alistair Stewart
Jim Jolly	Yvonne Briddock	Isla Donaldson
Ralph Harrold	Elsie Donald	John Hutton
Andrew Basten	Graham Anderson	Carol Gollaglee
Catrina Rankin	Robert Bryson	Christine Pirie
Elliot Whitby	Des Gorra	Arthur MacCreadle
Roddy MacDonald	Allison Freebairn	Sue McFarlin
Iain McCord	Kirsty Aird	Wendy McFarlin
John Ewing	Kenneth Wood	Karen McCann
Jim Fleming	Lesley MacNair	Karen Jacobs
George Houston	Jean Lundie	Michael Anderson
David Ballantyne	Jamie Lundie	FORBIDDEN PLANET
Colin Boyd	Paula Lundie	FORBIDDEN PLANET
Jonny Sinclair	Billy Humphries	Walter Neilson
Bob Sneddon	Peter Root	David Martin
Ian Cairns	John McShane	Paul Paolini
Claire Brialety	AKA BOOKS	Andrew Rae
Noel Collyer	Rex Thorsson	Fiona Conway
Martin Easterbrook	Albert Pickard	Steve Grover
Margaret Austin	Chris Boyce	Sean Stratton
Elizabeth Patrick	Michael Davidson	Anna McNally
Colin Dalgleish	Christine Davidson	

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR THE CONVENTION

Memberships are available in two categories. Full attending membership entitles the member to receive all convention publications and to attend the convention. Supporting membership entitles the member to receive the progress reports but does not permit entrance to the convention until the balance has been paid. The conversion rate is based on the rate at the time of taking out a supporting membership and can be paid either in advance or on arrival to the convention.

FULL ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP	£25
FULL ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP from 1st May	£30
SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP	£15

CHILDREN'S ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 0 - 5 yrs on 21st October 1994: no charge
- 6 - 15yrs on 21st October 1994: £15

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name

Address.....

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Postcode Telephone Number

Badge Name

Membership Type

Attending ☐ Supporting ☐ Child ☐

Please send me information on the following :-

Hotel Booking form ☐ Dealers Table form ☐

Gaming / Battletech ☐ Security/Gopher ☐

Art Show ☐ Masquerade ☐

Please return this form together with a Cheque/Postal Order made payable to ALBACON 94 to

ALBACON 94, 16 Govanhill Street, Govanhill, Glasgow, G42 7JZ